

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Nov. 8, 1877—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States, cloudy, rainy weather, warm southeasterly, veering to colder northwest winds, falling, followed by rising barometer.

SYNDICAL NOTES.—The Presbytery of Chesapeake held another private session this morning. The impression that this presbytery will be divided seems to increase in strength.

Among the distinguished laymen in attendance on the Synod of Virginia are Lieut. Gov. J. L. Mayne, of Fredericksburg; Judges R. Ould, of Richmond, and F. N. Watkins, of Farmville; Hon. Isaac D. Jones, Attorney General of Maryland; Hon. Wm. Snowdon, of the Maryland House of Delegates; Judge J. W. H. Burroughs, of Norfolk; Hon. C. E. Collier, of Petersburg, and Col. J. T. L. Preston, of the Virginia Military Institute.

The sessions of the Synod are attended by large and interested congregations. The judicial committee made a report to day in the case of Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird, recommending that it be referred back to the East Hanover Presbytery for a new trial, with the recommendation will probably be concurred in.

One of the most important matters which will come before the Synod will be the proposition for a division of that body. The majority of the committee on that subject have already reported in favor of the division.

About two hundred out of four hundred members of the Synod have already reported their attendance—a larger number than for many years past.

The Synod yesterday passed a vote of thanks to Mr. George E. French for a present of stationery.

There will be a missionary meeting this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Union Presbyterian Church, which will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Wilson and others.

WEDDING.—Last evening, at 6 o'clock, Christ Church was crowded with the elite of the city to witness the marriage ceremony of Mr. Stephen Tatum, of Boston, Mass., to Miss Ellen Withers, daughter of Senator Withers, of Virginia. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Dams. The bride's usual loveliness was heightened, if possible, by her attire—white satin, richly trimmed with lace; ornaments, filigree, silver, and pearls. The bridesmaids and groomsmen were as follows:—Miss Willie Withers, Miss Manie French, Miss Lemon of Lynchburg, Miss Chapin of Richmond, Miss Condit of Boston, Mass., Messrs. Lawrence Stabler, F. Freeman and Richard Windsor. The ushers were—Messrs. F. Marbury, C. Ashby, S. Brent, A. Howison, and A. Bryan. The bridesmaids were tastefully attired in tulle and satin, doublets and the grooms and ushers in full dress. After the ceremony the bridal party and special friends returned to the residence of the bride's father to a dancing reception and magnificent supper, with floral decorations. At nine p. m. the groom and his lovely and charming bride left for their palatial residence in Boston, Mass., with the heartfelt good wishes of all their friends. The departure of the bride would have naturally cast a gloom over the company but for the charming host and hostess, and the inspiring strains of Donohoe's renowned band. Among the distinguished guests present were Major Withers, of Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Stickey, Boston, Mass., and Miss Chase, of Richmond, Va., who added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by their artistic rendering of songs from Italian Operas and Scotch Ballads.

THE RAINFORD MERRINGS.—The citizens of Alexandria have had a rare treat for the past ten days in the religious services held here by the Rev. Mr. Rainford, of the Church of England. The power and effect of this young clergyman's preaching seem to rest in an almost inspired interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. All ages, all classes, and all sects have met before him on the common ground of an interest in a common salvation, and have listened with breathless attention to the outpourings of his zealous soul. Mr. Rainford is fired with the genuine spirit of a missionary, and is blessed mentally and physically with the ability to preach the gospel of his Lord with no ordinary fervor. Hundreds have flocked twice a day to hear his pure and simple teachings, and his burning eloquence far removed from cant or dogmas, (John's words separate from man's invention), has made a deep and lasting impression upon this community. Like the Magi of the East, he has followed the true Star which rested only above the real God. As a speaker his style is original, unadorned and impassioned, and the beauty of his eloquence and the grace of his gestures strike every hearer. But his consuming idea is to win souls to Christ, and like the great Paul, whose fervor he may never falter in his glorious work. We, with all his grateful audience, wish him God-speed, and hope that he will again, at no distant day, sound his clarion notes in our slumbering midst.

JAM IN THE CANAL.—There was a complete jam in the canal again yesterday, and the millers, in consequence of the same, were compelled to shut down about 9:30 o'clock and remain at a standstill until noon. There was also a blockade of boats on the Aqueduct bridge, and it was several hours before it could be remedied and the boats loaded with coal, consigned to Alexandria shippers, allowed to proceed on their way. Just above the aqueduct a boat was stuck across the canal, which caused a blockade of the bridge structure; but the blockade east of the bridge down to and east of the High Street bridge was the worst, and the cause of compelling the mills to shut down. When the mills are compelled to shut down it entails upon the millers great loss and delay in shipping their orders to distant cities. It not only entails serious loss to the millers, but materially interferes with coal shippers in loading their vessels for Eastern ports.—*Washington Republican.*

SHOOTING AFFRAY.—A quarrel between two negroes at Fishburn, last night, came very near resulting in a case of murder. The parties in question, were Prastus Preeland and Thomas Washington, both highly colored. The dispute occurred in the drinking house of Wm. Morgan, and after a few words had passed between the combatants, Morgan handed a pistol to Preeland and told him to shoot. Preeland attempted to obey instructions, but the pistol hung fire and Washington was not hurt; Preeland thereupon threw the pistol down with an oath, and asked for another one. This was not furnished, and he was shortly after arrested for unlawful shooting. The case was heard before Mayor Kemper, this morning, who sent Preeland to jail, to await the action of the Grand jury. Morgan was bailed for his appearance to-morrow on the charge of being an accomplice before the fact.

TORMAST BROKEN.—Yesterday afternoon, while the schooner Adele Trundell, from Philadelphia, with coal, was discharging her cargo at Washington, the maintopmast, from which is suspended the ropes and block and tackle which hoists the coal from the hold of the vessel, snapped at the head of the mainmast. The captain of the vessel, Capt. Grace, suspended work, fearing that the maintopmast would fall to the deck and seriously if not fatally injure some of those engaged in unloading the draft. The broken maintopmast was then lowered to the deck of the vessel without further damage, and the work of unloading her cargo to-day, but it will require several days to repair the damage to the vessel.

There was another bonfire, last night, near the corner of Wolfe and Washington streets.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY.

James Keith presiding.—CONTINUATION OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—Henry W. Feby, use, &c., vs. Caleb and Orlando Birch; in debt; continued for plaintiff.

John E. Fletcher vs. James E. Piper; in debt; upon the petition of W. D. Corse, Sergeant of Alexandria ordered to pay money to his hands to judgment creditor or his attorney, and balance to W. D. Corse.

To Day.—Austin vs. the Arlington Turnpike Company; case; set for to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Fletcher vs. Piper; debt; petition of the City Council of Alexandria filed.

J. Dix Mills vs. Margaret J. Wright et al.; in debt; injunction dissolved.

Sefer Bloom vs. James Stevens; in chancery; answer of M. A. Stevens filed and leave to file an amended bill, and leave to answer same and continued.

THE CHURCHES.—Last night was decidedly a night of religious exercises. Services were held in no less than six churches. In St. Paul's Church, Rev. Mr. Rainford preached one of his effective sermons to a good congregation. At the Union Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, of Richmond, preached to a very large congregation. Rev. Joseph R. Wheeler preached the sermon, at the revival services, in the M. E. Church, and several persons came forward for prayers. Rev. Dr. Layburn, the eloquent Presbyterian divine, will preach in that Church to-night at 7:30 o'clock. The regular weekly meetings were also held in the Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Penick; M. E. Church, South, Rev. Mr. Boyle; and M. P. Church, Rev. Mr. Graham.

Rev. James C. Carson will preach in the M. E. Church, South, this evening at 7½ o'clock.

ALEXANDRIA WATER CO.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Water Company was held, last evening. It was resolved to abolish the office of collector and to impose the duties thereof on the superintendent.

Mr. F. J. Power, in view of the increase of duties, the salary of the superintendent was increased \$300 per annum. By this action, Mr. George H. Markell the very polite and efficient collector of the company, loses his place. The measure is declared to have been one of economy, and to have been demanded by the large number of delinquent water bills, to which the superintendent had necessarily to attend.

DAY AND WEEK OF PRAYER.—The Young Men's Christian Association of this city will commence on next Sunday evening at four o'clock, in the M. E. Church, the week of prayer, as directed by the Louisville Convention of 1876. The rooms of the society will be closed during the ensuing week for prayer, and due notice of the hour will be published on Saturday. The clergy of the city will be invited to preach sermons to young men on Sunday, November 18.

THE CITY DEER.—A letter received by a gentleman of this city from a friend in Washington shows how the city coupons stand elsewhere. It says: "I enclose coupons of the city of Alexandria amounting to \$300. Please dispose of them to the best advantage. I have held them for some time, and don't see how they will ever get any better. You ought to get Congress to endorse for you as we do."

FIRE.—About nine o'clock last night fire was discovered in the frame work of the back bay window in house No. 207 E. Street, northwest of Washington, occupied by H. O. Claughton. The flames originated in an adjoining house, No. 205, occupied by M. Strickland, caused by a defective flue. A policeman extinguished the flames. The damage was slight.

CORPORATION COURT.—The Corporation Court, Judge E. M. Lowe, presiding, met this morning, at nine o'clock, but transacted no business beyond the entering of an order of reference, in an unimportant chancery case. The court then adjourned until Saturday morning at ten o'clock, in order to allow the members of the bar to attend the Circuit Court for the county.

COLUMBIA BELL.—The new bell of the Columbia Fire Company was placed in position, in the cupola of their engine house to-day. The bell seems to be a superior one, and has been named the "Little Robert," in honor of a well known and active member of the company.

PERSONAL.—R. E. Pattison, democrat, who has just been elected controller of the city of Philadelphia, is a brother-in-law of Mr. G. B. Carlin, and is related to the Berkleys, Bryans and the family of Mr. J. B. Smoot, of this city.

Does your head ache? Use Lodi's Head-ache Specific, and just as sure as you take a cure will be the result. Durand's Rheumatic Remedy cures rheumatism quickly.

PANIC PRICES.—All wool Boys' Overcoats at \$2.00 at the Boss Clothing House.

nov 6 M. BENDHEIM, Proprietor.

"GERMAN SYRUP."—No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine was distributed free of charge by druggists in this country from those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the throat and lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that GERMAN SYRUP will cure them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggists and ask what they know about it. Sample bottles 10 cts. Regular size 75 cts. Three doses will relieve any case.

nov 8

DR. PULTE, of Cincinnati, says Spoor's Port Grape Wine is pure, unadulterated, of a fine flavor and tonic qualities, and is unsurpassed for its restorative powers.

nov 8-31

THE "CORNER," S. W. of KING and FAIRFAX streets, DEALHAMS, is the only place to buy FIRST CLASS MERCHANT TAILORS CLOTHING ready made.

First Class Dress Suits \$30, \$25, \$20, &c. Business Suits, \$5, \$6.50, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$16, \$20, &c.

Overcoats of Finest Imported Beaver, Satin Lined, \$10.

Do. Cut Beaver, both sides visible, \$25.

French Worsteds \$27.

Beavers \$18, \$15, \$12, \$10 and \$8.

Finest French Broad Cloth Coats, Satin lined, \$30 and down to \$5.

Diagonal Coat and Vest of Finest French Worsteds \$25 down to \$8, &c.

IN FINE CLOTHING you can save 33 1/3 per cent and get them equal in all respects to merchant tailors', and may CHEAP CLOTHING is the cheapest in the market.

S. DEALHAM, 62 King st., corner Fairfax.

nov 5

CLEANSE THE SYSTEM and purify the blood. QUINN'S IRISH TEA will do this, and relieve Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Constipation and all diseases caused by derangement of the Stomach or Liver. Sold by Druggists. Twenty-five cents per package, making one quart of medicine, a tea cup of which is a dose.

HARD TIMES demand economy. Practice it. Renovate your soiled gloves with QUINN'S IRISH TEA. It will cleanse them thoroughly. Sold by druggists. 25 cents per bottle.

TEETH, if not kept clean, soon decay. Young people remember this. Use daily YOUNG PEOPLE'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER. It will preserve them through life. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle. feb 28-17

nov 28-17

Local Briefs.

A noted colored man named John Quincy Adams, who formerly lived here, was found dead in his bed at a house of bad repute, in Washington, yesterday.

The bridge over the ditch at the Bridge pump is so much out of repair that a horse and wagon fell through it yesterday afternoon.

The question of the reduction of toll on the Aqueduct bridge will be strongly urged upon Congress this session.

ALEXANDRIA IN TROUBLE.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette says:—

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, while Mr. James Egman, a colored man, was passing the National Hotel, an encounter occurred between him and Samuel Proctor, which resulted in a regular fist fight between the two parties. Officer Dubois arrested the belligerents and conveyed them to the 5th police station house, where Mr. Egman, a colored man, charged Proctor with insulting the lady. Proctor was held for the Police Court. In the station house the lady, who is an actress, recognized Proctor as an old friend. She begged Mr. Egman to withdraw the charge, but the officers would not allow him to do so. He was going to be locked up in a cell until morning, she offered to leave her jewelry as bail for his appearance at court, but in this she was disappointed, as only money can be received. The lady tried every means to effect Proctor's release, but failed, and after becoming satisfied that her efforts were fruitless, she left the station house, and departed breathless with vengeance. The affair created a great stir about the hotel, and fully five hundred persons followed the officer and his prisoners along the street to the station house.

Proctor was formerly a resident of this city, and is well known here.

MARRIAGE.—The Washington Sunday Gazette says:—

"Miss Emma M. W. Swallow, daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Swallow, of this city, and J. P. Bartlett, of Arlington, Va., were married on Tuesday last at the home of the groom, the Rev. Dr. B. Stoddard. It was in every respect a very great affair, and indeed a great surprise upon the friends of both bride and groom. Nevertheless they have the good wishes of all. They will reside at Arlington."

An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. A dose of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup will assist your baby in teething, and protect it from being attacked by Cholera Infantum, Colic, or other diseases. Babies suffer with 25 cents.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS.—Until further notice the following will be the hours for the opening and closing of the mails:

CLOSING.

Northern and Western mails, 6:15 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Southwestern, via Gordonsville and Lynchburg, 7:30 a. m.

Manassas Division, 7:30 a. m.

Washington and Ohio, Alexandria to Round Hill, Va., 8:00 a. m.

Southern, via Fredericksburg and Richmond, Va., 8:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

Night mail for Lynchburg and points beyond at 9:00 p. m.

OPENING.

Northern and Western mails, 8:30 a. m. and 1:30 and 7 p. m.

Southwestern, via Lynchburg and Gordonsville, 7:30 p. m.

Manassas Division, 2:30 p. m.

Washington and Ohio, Round Hill to Alexandria, 3:30 p. m.

Southern, via Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va., 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.

General delivery window closes at 8:00 p. m. Doors close at 9:00 p. m.

On Sundays at 9 a. m. and closes at 9:30 a. m.

CITRON AND CURRANTS received by New York steamer to-day.

nov 8 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

CHEESE—Choice Factory and Pineapple Cheese just received by

nov 8 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

PRIME PORTO RICAN SUGAR just received.

nov 8 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

CHOICE NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR for sale by

nov 8 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

NEW CANNED PEACHES and TOMATOES just received by

nov 8 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

MINCE MEAT—Robinson and Loeb's, unrivaled Mince Meat for sale, in quantities to suit. [Nov 8] W. A. JOHNSON.

ONE CAR LOAD OF CHOICE NEW YORK STATE APPLES rec'd. this day

nov 8 W. A. JOHNSON.

THE AMERICAN MEAT and VEGETABLE CHOPPER. Call and examine at

nov 8 McLEAN & UHLERS, 107 King street.

TRIMMING! TRIMMING!

In Silk and Worsteds! Gings and Laces; Buttons of all kinds, just opened.

nov 8 C. C. BEIKY'S.

POTATOES! POTATOES! 500 bushels N. Y. State Early Rose Potatoes received and for sale by

nov 8 N. E. Cor. Cam. & Royal sts.

DRIED PEACHES, peeled and unpeeled, and

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street.

BUNKER HILL CHOW CHOW and TOMATO CATSUP, by the pint, quart or gallon, received and for sale low by

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON.

KINGSFORD'S PURE STARCH in 4 lbs. boxes, better suited to the family trade, at lower figures than heretofore.

nov 8 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

NEW CUCUMBER PICKLES, in bbis, just received by

nov 8 W. A. JOHNSON.

DRIED SUGAR CORN, received and for sale by

nov 8 DAVY & HARMON.

NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR and FRESH OAT MEAL, received this day by

nov 8 DAVY & HARMON.

RED COIL is the best on the market; guaranteed 150° fire heat and non-explosive, for sale by [Sep 21] R. W. AVERY, 222 King st.

DRIED SUGAR CORN for sale by

nov 8 J. C. & E. MILBURN, 19 N. Royal street.

CHOICE SYRUP and NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES just received by

nov 8 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

ITALIAN VERMICELLI and MACARONI received and for sale low by

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON.

5 BBL'S PEARL HOMINY received and for sale by

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

PRIME CREAM CHEESE and New York Butter received and for sale by

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

FRESH NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT received and for sale by

nov 8 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

TURKEY PRUNES and SHAKER CORN just received by

nov 8 G. W. RAMSAY.

PRIME NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT cheap at

nov 8 McBURNEY'S.

10 BOXES PRIME EASTERN DAIRY CHEESE received this day.

nov 8 W. A. JOHNSON.

FRESH GROUND NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT just received and for sale by

nov 8 R. W. AVERY.

5 BARRELS HOMINY and GRITS just received by

nov 8 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

DUFFY'S N. Y. SPARKLING OLDER just received by

nov 8 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

150 BUSHELS CHOICE TIMOTHY SEED for sale by

nov 8 WASHINGTON & B. B. POLIO.

MEETINGS.

Arlington, Alexandria county, Va., }
November 10, 1877.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ARLINGTON TURNPIKE CO.—We, the undersigned, stockholders of the Arlington Turnpike Company, holding more than one tenth of the capital stock of the said company, hereby give notice that a general meeting of the stockholders of the company is called to be held at Columbia School House, Arlington, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of December, at 4 o'clock p. m.

J. H. Smith, } F. E. Corbett, }
S. H. Corbett, } M. C. Munson, }
Harvey Bailey, } Chas. Bittinger, }
B. F. Barrow, } Geo. W. Gray }

[Nov 7-17]

NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the UPPER POTOMAC STEAMBOAT CO. will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of November, at ten o'clock, at the Alexandria House, cor. of Prince and St. Asaph sts., Alexandria, Va.

nov 8 P. H. TROT, President.

LOST AND FOUND.

A SUITABLE REWARD will be paid for the return of a COW belonging to Captain Noble L. Smith. She is a long, thick cow, red, wide horns, with a slit in one of her ears. She wears a collar with her owner's name on it.

nov 7-31

LEGAL NOTICES.

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 6th day of November, 1877.

James Abraham, } In chancery.

Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree divorcing the parties from the bonds of matrimony.

The defendant not having entered her appearance and given security according to the acts of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that diligence has been used to ascertain in what county or corporation she is, without effect, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and show cause why she should not be protected in her interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House in this city. A copy—

MORTON MARYE, Clerk.

Kent & Neale and Brent, n. y. nov 7-w1w

NOTICE.—The subscriber having duly qualified before the County Court of Alexandria county, Va., as administratrix on the estate of A. S. NESMITH, late of the said county, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to her duly sworn to, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment.

nov 7-w1w MARY E. NESMITH, Adm'x.

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 30th day of October, 1877.

John Perry and Mary A. Perry, his wife, vs. Charles Bogan and Catharine Bogan, his wife; John McAvay and Nancy McAvay, his wife; the children and heirs at law of Margaret McAvay, deceased, whose names are unknown; R. T. Lucas, City Sergeant, Administrator of Sarah E. Burke, dec'd.; the widow and children of Felix Henry, dec'd., whose names are unknown. In chancery.

Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the partition in kind or sale of a lot of land of ground in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on Lee street, of which Sarah E. Burke, late of said city of Alexandria, died seized, and the distribution of the proceeds of sale amongst the parties entitled thereto, according to their interests therein; and also for the settlement of the account of R. T. Lucas, City Sergeant of said city of Alexandria, and Administrator of said Sarah E. Burke, dec'd.

The defendants, Charles Bogan and Catharine, his wife; John McAvay and Nancy McAvay, his wife